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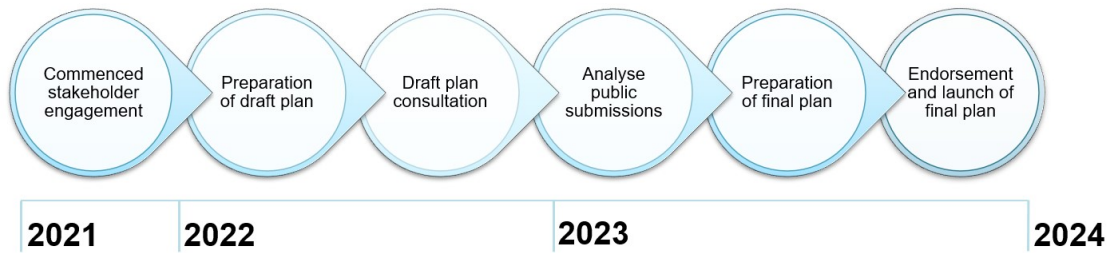
Forest Management Plan **NEWSLETTER**

The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.

In particular, DBCA acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Owners and native title holders within the Forest Management Plan area in the south-west of Western Australia and respects the continuing connection and importance of forests to their cultural, physical and spiritual health.

About the plan

The draft *Forest Management Plan 2024-2033* (FMP 2024-2033) is being prepared by the Conservation and Parks Commission, through the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). We're planning to release a draft plan for public comment between October and December 2022.

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On 8 September 2021, the McGowan Government announced an end to logging of native forests to preserve at least an additional 400,000 hectares of karri, jarrah and wandoo forests. From 2024, timber taken from south-west native forests will be limited to management activities that improve forest health and clearing for approved mining operations. This significant announcement, as well as the impact of a drying and warming climate in the south-west, will be reflected in the FMP 2024-2033.

As work on FMP 2024-2033 progresses, we'll be sharing updates with you through this regular eNewsletter. You can view previous issues of the eNewsletter on the DBCA website here: dbca.wa.gov.au/forest-management-plan.

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Capturing your feedback

Over the past few months, we've been compiling comments from stakeholders and the community to inform the development of the draft FMP 2024-2033. We have been meeting with key stakeholders and peak bodies, held stakeholder focus groups, and released an online survey to capture public feedback on the future of forest management.

Online survey

The online survey was open for three weeks in April and returned 2,277 responses. Four in five respondents told us they use the south-west forests for exercise or recreation. Almost half of the survey respondents were aged between 46-64 and 56% of respondents were female.

The top three things survey respondents value about the south-west forests are:

3. Recreation (e.g. picnics, camping, hiking)

Once complete, reports from each of the focus groups and the online survey report will be published on the DBCA website.

Focus groups

During April and May, targeted stakeholders were invited to participate in externally facilitated focus groups. Discussions included forest health and biodiversity, climate change, and the values and use of the south-west forests. We've started to review the group suggestions and some of the recurring themes are management effectiveness, Aboriginal engagement and involvement, communication and education, community and stakeholder engagement, and resourcing.

Our response

As the team continues to work in the draft plan preparation stage, we're reviewing all the valuable feedback we've received. We will prepare a response report which will outline how all suggestions are being considered for the draft FMP 2024-2033. This report will also be published on the DBCA website.

The next engagement phase for FMP 2024-2033 will be later in the year when the draft plan is released. Everyone will be invited to provide comments on the draft plan during the public consultation period.

Silviculture review panel

DBCA convened an Independent Silvicultural Review Panel earlier this year to assist the department and the Conservation and Parks Commission in adapting silvicultural guidance and practices to deliver enhanced forest health and resilience, and to advise on practical approaches to integrate management actions at the local and landscape scales.

The panel's final report and a fact sheet is now available to view [on the DBCA website](#). We've also added [a new FAQ page](#).



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For more information about the forest management plan [visit our website](#). Key milestones will also be shared on WA Parks and Wildlife Service social media channels such as [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



If you know of anyone who would like to join the FMP 2024-2033 mailing list, please invite them to [complete this online form](#) and we'll add them to our stakeholder register.

If you have any questions, please email the team at forest.info@dbca.wa.gov.au

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